

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were pending in the application. Claims 4 and 7-9 were previously withdrawn. Claim 10 has been canceled. No claims have been amended or added. No new matter has been added. Therefore, claims 1-9 are now pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is requested for at least the reasons that follow.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 2, 2003 and the claim for foreign priority.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 1-9 are allowed. In light of the allowance of claim 1, which is generic, previously withdrawn claims 4 and 7-9 are no longer withdrawn.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Claim 10 has been canceled and, thus, the rejection is moot.

The Office Action objects to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). Specifically, the Office Action objects to the drawings for failing to show the "compression giving means" disclosed in claim 10. Claim 10 has been canceled and, thus, the rejection is moot.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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